

HON. AND MRS. JOHN M. PHILBROOK PASS THE FIFTIETH MILESTONE OF THEIR WEDDED LIFE. RECEPTION TO THEIR FRIENDS ONE OF THE HAPPIEST SOCIAL EVENTS OF THE SEASON.



HON. AND MRS. JOHN M. PHILBROOK.

One of the pleasantest and most enjoyable social events that Bethel has had for many years was the celebration by Hon. and Mrs. John M. Philbrook of the fiftieth anniversary of their marriage at their beautiful home on Main Street in Bethel Village on Monday evening, January 1st.

Mr. and Mrs. Philbrook had not planned any special observance of the occasion and were at first averse to it, but some of their intimate Bethel friends determined that an event like this in the lives of two of the town's most esteemed and respected residents should not pass unnoticed to the public, and it was with these friends that this most pleasing reception and social gathering had its inception.

A general invitation was given through these friends to all who desired to gather at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Philbrook and extend to them the greetings of friendship and good will on this happy event of their lives. It was a privilege to which a host responded and the house was filled to overflowing. Mr. Philbrook's public and business career has taken him into all parts of the County and State and probably no one in this section has a wider circle of acquaintances and friends than he and Mrs. Philbrook, and all who could were glad of this opportunity to manifest even in this slight way the high regard in which they held this friendship. And certainly after finally consenting, Mr. and Mrs. Philbrook did their part to make the occasion one of pleasure to all.

Their daughter, Mrs. Frank I. Brown, came from her home in Portland to assist in the preparations. The home was most artistically decorated under the direction of Bethel's enterprising artist, Mr. A. Van Den Kerkhof, who has also starting this new business made it a marked and increasing success and one which our citizens appreciate and should heartily encourage. It is difficult to find words which will do justice to his work upon this occasion. The stair halls were tastefully decorated with laurel ropes and pretty festoons of the same gracefully from above the doors and windows. The mantels were hung with mistle and about the window spaces ran a pretty effect of garlands of ferns, carnations, anemones, roses, paper white narcissus and many potted plants were placed at points of vantage throughout the rooms. Included in the decorations were fifty citations from the teachers and students of Gould's Academy and a pretty bouquet of roses from Mrs. A. L. Berbank of Portland, a lifelong friend of the Philbrooks. The large corner bay-window was made very attractive with laurel festoons and a hanging of palms with a noticeable orange tree in their midst. In front of this window stood the reception line including Mr. and Mrs. Philbrook, their daughter and her husband, Dr. Brown. The others were Messrs. E. C. Parker, E. M. Walker, E. C. Park and Dr. T. H. Wright. Refreshments of the cream, fancy cake and fruit-punch were served in the dining room and in the center of the table stood a beautiful bouquet of fifty pink tea-roses brought by Mr. and Mrs.

Down. The serving of the refreshments was in charge of Mrs. E. E. Hanson and Mrs. I. H. Wright, assisted by Mrs. E. J. Philbrook, Mrs. Gotthard Carlson and Misses Miriam Herrick and Belle Purington. At the door was Mr. Winfield Wright, while in charge of the guest book were Misses Margaret Herrick and Marion Mansfield.

After the friends had all assembled and an hour or more of social intercourse had been enjoyed, Principal E. E. Hanson of Gould's Academy, who was one of the moving factors in arranging for the occasion, announced that he had been tampering with the mails and telegraph and had appropriated to himself a goodly number of letters and telegrams of greeting and congratulation from friends who could not be present, that Mr. and Mrs. Philbrook had read them, and that he would then read them. Many of these communications are published herewith. Following the reading of these three original poems written for the occasion, one by Mrs. A. E. Herrick, one by Rev. Israel Jordan, a former pastor of the Bethel Congregational church, now at Falmouth, Maine, and one by Miss Adelle Gordon, of Bethel, were read by Mr. Hanson. All these poems were of marked credit and most appropriate.

Although it was made a special condition of the occasion that there should be no presents, yet a combination of friends and a beautiful gold bracelet came with engraved monogram and date was given to Mr. Philbrook, and an elegant gold brooch set with a large Oxford County amethyst surrounded by a circle of fifteen pearls was given to Mrs. Philbrook. These gifts were presented by Rev. W. C. Curtis, pastor of the Congregational church of Bethel, in a most interesting, original and appropriate way. There were some other gifts from the immediate relatives including one dozen solid silver dinner knives from Dr. and Mrs. Brown, and a valuable ring for each from the three brothers and sisters. The brooch was made especially for this occasion under the direction of Frederick Hunt, Jr., of Norway, one of Oxford County's well known gem collectors, the stone being one that he personally found in the town of Bethel.

In presenting the gifts Mrs. Curtis spoke in part as follows:

"I esteem it a rare privilege to speak a word for all these years since you and I were joined in the holy bonds of matrimony."

"A well liked English pointer was visiting Australia a few years ago, and while there lectured on the English people. Among other characteristics he said they were to cherish their prizes, not free enough to express their love for friends. He would not admit that they were not an affectionate and warm-hearted as the French but said they did not so readily express their deepest and best feelings."

"This affirmation was taken note of by his book at home. And when he returned to England, the first Sunday that he entered his church, he faced this legend placed over his pulpit."

"We love you and we tell you so."

"We Yankees are quite too like our English cousins in our reluctance to express our affection for our friends and we must not miss the golden opportunities that draw us out. It is in the spirit and purpose of that legend that we greet you tonight. And in token of our affection, let me present to you, dear husband, this precious little brooch, a Maine gem, an amethyst, surrounded by a galaxy of pearls."

"I am not in the secret of the committee who chose the gem but they may have had some timely lesson in Greek mythology, from its supposed power of preventing drunkenness. Please don't be horrified dear lady, and perhaps the committee feared that when your modest soul learned that you were held in such high esteem throughout the commonwealth of Maine and beyond, when governors were in such haste to go you honor that they came by telegram—you might lose your head, in short be drunken with love."

"And you my honored wife, hang but a ring, are simply to be carried, gold headed to be sure, but only carried. This too may hold some timely lesson. We have always been proud of your energy, push and ability. You have been a leader in the procession, and you have led at such a pace as no man can keep up each beyond his golden wedding day, yet it would make us and to see you fall behind. Let this case help you keep the pace."

"But all another thought, may not this case bespeak you to go a little slower that we may the longer have you with us. As this case seeks to be an amulet, so lean upon the assurance of others all you can in your business and then kindly spare the man we love."

The three living brothers of Mr. Philbrook, Mr. John E. Walker, Jr., and Augustus E. Philbrook, all residents of New Hampshire, were present. Mr. Philbrook's sister, Miss Phoebe I. Philbrook and Mrs. Clara E. Philbrook and Mrs. Walter H. Philbrook were also present. There were some other friends and relatives from out of town including Mr. and Mrs. Elton E. Chapman of South Paris.

Particularly interesting the whole affair was pervaded with a gracious spirit of spontaneous friendliness and affection regard for this loved and honored couple who for fifty years have together reared life's way and who during all these years have enjoyed to the full the happiness which comes from the true, unbroken and devoted marital life. That long and happy years of each other's companionship may still be theirs in the wish of their multitude of friends.

Mr. Philbrook was born in Bethel, Me., N. H., April 21st, 1838, and became a resident of Bethel in 1868. For many years he was one of the leading

NEW YEAR'S BALL.

Volunteer Hose Co. Scores Another Success.

When the announcement was made that the Volunteer Hose Co. was to give a grand ball, the best ever, on Jan. 2, all looked for a grand good time, and the expectations were realized, Tuesday evening by a goodly number.

It was no guess work, to tell under whose auspices the ball was held everywhere the sign of the Company was in evidence for by clever ingenuity nearly the whole paraphernalia of the company had been made to serve as decorations and become things of beauty; new, white hose was festooned near the gallery and on either side of the stage, while the red coats were mounted by a white belt or a cap neopulated conspicuous places on the walls. In the center of the ceiling four U. S. flags were hung in the form of a square; they were drawn together at the bottom, and suspended therefrom was a bar of electric lights; from the lower corners of the square, a string of colored lights reached to each corner of the hall, disappearing under a Grogan's coat; larger flags outlined another square, enclosing the first.

The stage where the orchestra was seated was very effective with its rustic seats and overgreen settings.

The electrical displays of the evening under the management of Mr. Finney was an innovation delighting the spectators as well as the dancers, and as the forms moved rhythmically in the changing lights it seemed to those in the darkened galleries that they were getting a glimpse of Fairyland.

The moon dances during which the light was thrown out by one large light high in a corner of the hall, was certainly bewitching and when at times the prismatic colors were shown and then gradually faded into one delicate tint the effect was beautiful; every novelty, and there were many, showed that neither thought or expense had been spared to make this feature of the dance a decided pleasure and that it was a success, every one present admits. It will be a long time before the memory of this delightful evening fades from the mind of the friends of the Volunteer Hose Co.

The Offendable orchestra of Berlin, N. H., which so pleased the people about a year ago, furnished music and its praises were heard sounded on every side.

Many from out of the village were present, both as dancers and as spectators and the floor was at all times well filled with those who enjoy a well arranged order of dance. Each dance was announced from the floor which was a deviation from the usual custom, but none the less pleasing. In the grand march led by Irving L. Carver and Mrs. Mansfield were noticed the following:

J. A. Hall and Miss Eva V. Twaddle, E. P. Lyne and Miss Barbara Carter, Fred Tibbitts and Miss Florence Carter, H. C. Rowe and wife, C. W. Hall and wife, J. H. Carter and Miss Alice Carter, Mr. Low Wright and wife, Dr. E. L. Brown and Miss Ethel Rich, Mrs. Benjamin Goodwin and Miss Clara Russell, E. L. Edwards and wife, Edward King and wife, E. C. Park and wife, E. C. Vanderkorkhoven and wife, A. Van Den Kerkhof and wife, Harry Brown and wife, Will Bryant and wife, Edward Mason and Miss Edith Hart, Daniel Dorell and Miss Ada Everett, E. H. Young and wife, J. L. Finney and wife, Guy L. Thurston and wife, Guy Morgan and wife, Guy Kendall and Miss Mildred Hapgood, Frances Mills and Miss Hazel Douglas, Alexander Whitman and Miss Mildred Thompson, Charles Small and Miss Alice Swan, Cleveland West and Miss Bertha Thurston, Ray Thurston and Miss Annie Newcomb, Morrick Tibbitts and wife, Wilfred Foster and Miss Carrie King, Reginald Martin and wife, Marie Swan and Miss Sylvia Swan, Charles Hatchell and Miss Agnes Hatchell, Philip Chapman and Miss Baker, William Currier and Miss Mabel Packard, Fred King and Miss Emma King.

BASKET BALL.

Gould's defeats E. L. H. S. By Score of 31 to 7.

The Gould's Academy basket ball team played two winning games last Friday evening. The boys' team defeated the Edward Little H. S. aggregation by a score of 31 to 7, and the girls defeating the Woodstock H. S. by a score of 10 to 1. The Edward Little team was returning from Berlin where they had played the town team and doubtless thought the Gould's boys would be easy meat for their well coached five, but they failed to meet the expectations of the local boys. The game was very fast and in places rather rough but in general the play was remarkably clean.

One of the E. L. men said of the Gould's team, that it was the cleanest bunch they had played against this season.

The weather prevented a large attendance.

The line up:

E. L. H. S. Gould's
Tilton, H. E. Philbrook, Jr.
Cheesley, H. G. Clark
Moulton, C. Foster, Cummings
Solomon, G. Young
Mower, H. Farnham, Bowler
Goals from field—Moulton 1, Young 3, Foster 3, Clark 1, Philbrook 3. Goals from fouls—Solomon 3, Young 3.

The girls' team played alternate halves with the boys.

This game seemed rather tame beside the boys' game and especially so as the Woodstock girls were very plainly out classed by the Gould's five. The visiting team was unable at any time to keep up with the Gould's girls.

The line up:

Woodstock H. S. Gould's
Adams, H. G. Russell
Parham, H. G. Kimball
Jackson, C. King
Arlett, H. A. Swan
H. Vall
Crookes, sub. G. Bartlett
Goals from field—Vall 1, King 3. Goals from fouls—Jackson 1, Swan 2, King 2.

WANT COLUMN.

Put your Want and Sale notices here and they will be read in 5,000 Oxford County homes—4 lines 1 week, 25c. 3 weeks 60c.

FOR SALE.—One sound work horse gentle and willing. Also two good cows, milkers. Enquire of A. J. Daiber, Broadview Inn, Locke's Mills, Maine. 12-28-11-p.

COLLIE PUPS FOR SALE.—Thoroughbred, Sable and White Scotch Collie Pups. Price, five dollars (\$5.00) each. H. N. HEAD, Bethel, Maine. 2-24-11.

BETHEL NATIONAL BANK.—The annual meeting of the stockholders of the Bethel National Bank will be held in the banking rooms of said Bank, in Bethel, Maine, on Tuesday the ninth day of January, 1912, at two o'clock in the afternoon, for the purpose of electing directors for the ensuing year and the transaction of any other business that may legally come before said meeting. ELLERY C. PARK, Cashier. Bethel, Maine, November 28th, 1911. 11-30-11.

Wanted—Bright, intelligent, young women between 20 and 30 years, with high school education, wishing to become professional nurses. Apply to Supt. of Nurses, The Children's Hospital, Portland, Maine.

FURS.—Prices cut in half to close out stock. Send for catalogue, stating what you desire, and receive further description. J. E. PALMER CO., Portland, Me. 11-30-11.

FOR SALE.—The well-known Glisan P. Bean farm including all timber lands as a part of the same is now upon the market. This farm is located between Bethel Village and West Bethel and has upon it a large amount of pine and pulp timber as well as other growth. The timber lot on this farm is one of the best and most desirable in this section. Many have asked if the farm was to be sold and this notice is to call attention to the fact that it is now on the market. For description of farm, price and full particulars, address or see the undersigned. (MRS.) ANDIE G. DEAN, Bethel, N. H., Lock Box 217. or application may be made to HERRICK & PARK, Bethel, Me. 1-1-11.

LOST—Dec. 28, on Main street, between the post office and residence of Harry Hastings, pocket book containing between \$2.00 and \$3.00. Finder will please leave at Citizen office. 1-1-11.

LOST—Jan. 1, between Bethel and West Bethel, black fur neck piece. Finder please leave at Citizen office. 1-1-11.

Many Children are Sickly.—Mother Gray's Sweet Powders for Children Break up Colds in 24 hours, relieve Feverishness, Headache, Stomach Troubles, Teething Disorders, and Destroy Worms. At all druggists, 36c. Sample mailed FREE. Address, Allen S. Olmstead, Le Roy, N. Y. 1-1-11.

If You Are A Trifle Sensitive—About the size of your shoes, it's some satisfaction to know that many people can wear shoes a size smaller by shaking Allen's Foot Ease into them. Just the thing for Patent Leather Shoes, and for breaking in New Shoes. Sold Everywhere, 36c. Sample FREE. Address, Allen S. Olmstead, Le Roy, N. Y. 1-1-11.

When you want a reliable medicine for a cough or cold take Chamberlain's Cough Remedy. It can always be depended upon and is pleasant and safe to take. For sale by W. E. Henssman. 1-1-11.

The Two Glasses.—The man who is looking for trouble is a source of endless worryment to the men who can't get away from it.

CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH, BETHEL.

The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper will be observed at the Congregational church next Sunday. Let every member of the church who possibly can come and participate in this blessed service. It will help us all to renew our covenant vows and resolve anew for this year. Strangers cordially welcomed.

BETHEL LOCALS.

Mr. and Mrs. Dan Daniels of Dover, N. H. are guests at Mr. and Mrs. Morrick Tibbitts.

Mr. Albert Burke held the lucky number and secured the diamond ring given away by Mr. E. P. Lyne. Mr. E. E. Purington came in second and took the watch.

American Fruits in China.—American peaches, pears and small fruits grow well in China.

THE BRAGON.

Magistrate—What! Do you mean to say your husband struck you, and he a physical wreck!

Mrs. Maloney—Yes, your honor! but he's been a physical wreck only since he struck me.—McCall's Magazine.

Mark Down of Suits and Coats.

We have marked down our entire line of Ladies' Coats and Suits. Now you can secure Coats of the latest style that possess quality and workmanship at a great price saving.

Right at the time when you need and can wear Fur and Fur-lined Coats, Caracul and Plush Coats, Wool Coats, and Suits; you are able to buy them at prices that will save you dollars.

Suits

SUITS of black and navy cheviot, Halsey's satin lining and revers, panel skirt. Were \$12.00, now \$11.50.
SUITS of black and navy serge in tailored models, Halsey's satin lining. Were \$10.00, now \$9.50.
SUITS of dark blue India twill, plain tailored style, black velvet collar, satin lined. Were \$12.50, now \$12.00.
SUITS of black and navy India twill, Persian velvet collar and Halsey's satin revers. Were \$12.50, now \$12.00.
SUITS of dark brown cheviot. Were \$12.00, now \$11.50.
SUITS of black serge. Were \$12.00, now \$11.50.

Furs

Mark Down in Furs that will save you money.

Coats

COAT of electrical seal in black. Were \$12.50, now \$12.00.
COAT of black pony. Were \$10.00, now \$9.50.
COATS, fur lined. Were \$10.00, now \$9.50.
COATS of heavy hersey with rich fur collars. Were \$12.50, now \$12.00.
WOOL COATS of mixtures, plain back materials and of all the new weaves at mark down prices.
COATS of black and navy hersey in plain tailored and satin trimmed styles. Were \$12.50, now \$12.00. Were \$12.50, now \$12.00.
REVERSIBLE COATS. Were \$12.00, now \$11.50.

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SMILEY SYSTEM - SIX STORES
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PROBATE NOTICES.

To all persons interested in either of the Estates hereinafter named:
As a Probate Court, held at Paris, in and for the County of Oxford, on the third Tuesday of December, in the year of our Lord one thousand nine hundred and eleven, the following matters having been presented for the probate of wills, and for the appointment of executors, administrators, and guardians, it is hereby ORDERED:

That notice thereof be given to all persons interested, by causing a copy of this order to be published three weeks successively in the Oxford County Free Press, a newspaper published at Holden, in said county, and that the same appear at a Probate Court to be held at said Paris, on the third Tuesday of January, A. D. 1912, at 9 o'clock of the clock in the forenoon, and to cause the same to be read at said Court.

First: To Edward late of Holden, deceased, will and petition for probate thereof presented by Fred H. Atwood and Edwin P. Atwood, the executors therein named.

Second: To Emma late of Bethel, deceased, will and petition for probate thereof presented by George H. Atwood, executor.

Third: To Emma M. Chandler late of Bethel, deceased, will and petition for probate thereof presented by Eliza M. Chandler, executor.

Fourth: To Ellen M. Brown late of Bethel, deceased, will and petition for probate thereof presented by Eliza M. Brown, executor.

Fifth: To John A. Allen late of Bethel, deceased, will and petition for probate thereof presented by H. H. Hastings, administrator.

Sixth: To W. W. Allen late of Bethel, deceased, will and petition for probate thereof presented by H. H. Hastings, administrator.

and for all matters by John G. Gehring, executor.

ADDITIONAL NOTICE.
A true copy—attest:
ALBERT D. PARR, Register.

12-23-11.

If your children are subject to attacks of croup, watch for the first symptoms, remember, give Chamberlain's Cough Remedy as soon as the child shows signs of the attack and it will be stopped off. For sale by W. H. Brown, Holden, Me.

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BARGAIN SALE

Having purchased the goods in the store lately occupied by the late R. B. Saunders at Dixfield, Me., I have moved them to my store and in order to turn them into cash I will offer them to my customers at prices that will be GENUINE BARGAINS, in any one in need of same, as the goods will be sold at the wholesale cost and in many cases at less than cost. The goods consist of a miscellaneous lot consisting in part of Fur Shoes, Whips, Bells, Horse Medicines, Harness of Myth Liniment, Collared Hags, etc., etc.

Young's Harness Store.

BETHEL AND VICINITY.

E. C. Park was in Lewiston one day last week.

The Grammar school had a recess during New Year's.

Miss Maria Hastings has been spending a vacation at her old home.

Jasper Everett has been the guest of his mother for a few days.

Dr. Brown of Augusta was in town to attend the New Year's ball.

Howard Coburn is working for Hermon Mason cutting pine.

Helen Spencer returned to Normal School, at Durham, Tuesday.

May Bennett from South Newry is working for Mrs. H. B. Pashard.

Percy Taylor returned to his work at Richardson Lake, Monday morning.

Mr. Frank King and wife of Topsham visited relatives in town, recent ly.

The W. C. T. U. will meet with Mrs. L. T. Barker, Tuesday, Jan. 8, at three P. M.

Miss Florence Eaton of Oxford has been the guest of Miss Marian Pratt at Holden Hall.

Mrs. Benton of New York has been the guest of her daughters, at Mrs. Ella Carter's.

Mr. and Mrs. Harold A. Powers are receiving congratulations on the birth of a daughter.

Miss Grace Carter and Miss Beatrice Chandler have been guests at the home of Mrs. Ella Carter.

The Ladies' Club will meet with Mrs. E. E. Whitney, Thursday after noon at three o'clock.

Chas. Cross and Hollis Corbridge have gone with their teams to Richardson Pond to work for M. L. Thibault.

Miss Thelma Long has returned home after an extended visit in Rhode Island and Massachusetts.

Mr. and Mrs. George V. Greene spent Sunday with Mrs. Greene's parents, Mr. and Mrs. L. N. Bartlett.

The Columbia Club will meet Friday afternoon, Jan. 5, at the home of Mrs. J. G. Gehring, at 2:30 o'clock.

Mr. and Mrs. H. B. Hastings returned Tuesday afternoon from a visit with their daughter in Dedham, Mass.

Mr. Frank Robertson of Portland was in town, Tuesday evening, to attend the Webster Home so. ball.

Mr. Martin Smith and family of Portland have been visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Anna Smith.

Mr. and Mrs. Eben Chapman of Santa Fe came to Bethel, Monday, to attend the Golden Wedding of Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Philbrick.

Mr. and Mrs. Wade H. Thibault, who are spending the winter at Richardson Pond, were at M. L. Thibault's last week.

Mr. and Mrs. P. I. Brown and son returned to their home in South Portland, Tuesday morning, after spending several days with Mrs. Brown's parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Philbrick.

Mr. Norman Packard of Camden came to Bethel to spend New Year's. Mrs. Packard went to their home in Camden, having spent two weeks with her mother, Mrs. Jane Lacey.

Samuel M. Thibault of Bangor and family returned from Maine where they went to spend Christmas with Mrs. Thibault's parents. During the visit Mrs. Thibault had a severe attack of rheumatism.

Mr. and Mrs. C. B. Philbrick, A. B. Philbrick and Miss Frances Philbrick of Bangor, N. H., were in town Monday to attend the golden wedding of Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Philbrick. Mr. and Mrs. C. B. Philbrick of Bangor, N. H., also were present.

Mr. Elmer H. Young recently purchased the stock and fixtures of the late W. C. Saunders of Dixfield. This stock includes harness, carriages, whips, blankets, stock feed, horse medicine, for sale and for hire. Mr. Young was in Dixfield last week and sold a large quantity of stock of the material for harness. When this material is prepared to give the customers an opportunity to see the material of harness and all the material to sell the store and have the material of harness that want them.

There will be a whist party next week, Thursday evening, Jan. 11th, at J. O. O. P. building. Watch for posters.

Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Cross returned from Colebrook, N. H., Monday, where they have been visiting her people for a few days.

SUNDAY RIVER.
Mr. King and Mr. Furwell are hauling wood for Litchford and Bryant. Mr. Wesley has a team hauling wood for J. A. Spiny.

School did not keep Friday on account of the cold weather.

J. A. Spiny has purchased a pair of horses.

Mr. Hill was called home Tuesday by the illness of his wife.

We noticed Mr. and Mrs. Pearl Park out riding Sunday with their handsome yearling colt.

Mr. Dudley and Mr. Haggard were in this place on business, Monday.

NORTH NORWAY.
Christmas was observed by most of the families around here by elegant dinners and Christmas trees.

Flora J. Cummings is at home from Mr. Howard's, where she has been nursing.

Melissa Twitchell from Oxford is visiting at O. W. H. Jenkins's.

Elmer H. Hasey from Colby College was home through the vacation.

Woodbury Russell is making a barn for Don Letts on the Milllet place.

Hannah Merrill has returned from her trip to Portland.

Leon Noyes' store is closed until further notice.

Ethel Lopham, who is blind, has returned to the institute in Boston.

Miss Bessie Jewell from Massachusetts has been visiting at A. H. Whitehouse's.

Mrs. Anna Grover is very feeble. Lydia Watson is kindly assisting in caring for her.

MARSHALL DISTRICT.
The many friends of C. H. Fernald are sorry to learn that he is suffering with blood poisoning in his right hand.

Dr. Sylvester and Dr. G. M. Corbridge of Waterville was called to see C. H. Fernald last week.

Geo. Briggs and family took dinner at Eben Barker's last Sunday.

Miss Nina Briggs is working for Mrs. Lydia Fernald.

A happy and prosperous New Year to the Citizen force and every reader of the Citizen, one and all, is the wish of a friend.

Books added to the Gertrude H. Hatch collection of Bethel library.

The City, The Hope of Democracy, Frederick T. Howe.

Introduction to Public Finance, Carl C. Plahn.

American Political History, 2 vol., Alex. Johnston.

The American City, A Problem in Democracy, Deles P. Wilson.

Proportional Representation, John B. Conner.

The Naval War of 1812, Theodore Roosevelt.

The National Administration of The United States of America, John A. Finkle, Ph.D.

The American Federal State, Boston Lewis Ashley.

The American Government, D. A. Hissdale.

Political Parties and Party Problems in the United States, Jas. Albert Woodburn.

Endurance Tests.
"I kind of wish" remarked the over-ment employee, "that they'd give me another kind of an endurance test."

"I wish that for a change they'd let me see how many miles I can ride on bareback instead of how many hours I can sit at a desk."

Mrs. A. B. Taylor, of Bangor, Me., had been troubled with earache for about two years, when she began taking Chamberlain's Tablets. She has taken two bottles of them and they have cured her. Such headache is caused by a disordered stomach for which these tablets are especially adapted. Try them, get well and stay well. Sold by W. H. Brown.

PARKER'S HAIR BALM.
Parker's Hair Balm is a valuable preparation for the hair. It keeps the hair from falling out, and makes it grow again. It is sold by W. H. Brown.

Waterproof pants \$1.00
P. H. NOYES CO.

For caps, for mittens, for gloves
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NOTICE.

The subscriber hereby gives notice that she has been duly appointed administratrix of the estate of Edmund H. Foster late of Bethel in the County of Oxford, deceased, and given bonds as the law directs. All persons having demands against the estate of said deceased are desired to present the same for settlement, and all indebted thereto are requested to make payment immediately.

ORDEUA A. FOSTER.
December 10th, 1911.
12-23-11.

NOTICE.

The subscriber hereby gives notice that he has been duly appointed executor of the last will and testament of Roxce P. Cross late of Bethel in the County of Oxford, deceased, and given bonds as the law directs. All persons having demands against the estate of said deceased are desired to present the same for settlement, and all indebted thereto are requested to make payment immediately.

CHARLES R. CROSS.
December 10th, 1911.
12-23-11.

COMMISSIONERS' NOTICE.

Dec. 21st, 1911.

OXFORD SS.
We, the undersigned, having been duly appointed by the Honorable Judge of Probate within and for said County, Commissioners to receive and decern upon claims of the creditors of Horatio Wright, late of Newry, in said County, deceased, whose estate has been represented insolvent, hereby give notice agreeably to the order of said Judge of Probate that we will attend to the duty assigned to us at the office of Herrick & Park, in Bethel village, in said county at ten o'clock in the forenoon on Saturday, January 13th, 1912, and at the same time and place on Monday, June 17th, 1912.

N. F. BROWN,
P. B. MERRILL,
Commissioners.

12-23-11.

NOTICE.

The subscriber hereby gives notice that he has been duly appointed administrator of the estate of Fred L. Colburn late of Bethel in the County of Oxford, deceased, and given bonds as the law directs. All persons having demands against the estate of said deceased are desired to present the same for settlement, and all indebted thereto are requested to make payment immediately.

EDWIN F. COBURN.
December 10th, 1911.
12-23-11.

This Is An Easy Test.
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Caution.
"Are you giving credit now?" asked the man who had returned to his old home. "No," answered the proprietor of the general store. "What has become of that old sign you had over the counter 'No Trust'?" "I decided to take it down. I was afraid some of the corporations that supply me with goods would misunderstand it and take offense."

To Mothers in This Town.
Children who are delicate, feverish and cross will get immediate relief from Mother Gray's Sweet Powders for Children. They cleanse the stomach, act on the liver, and are recommended for complaining children. A pleasant remedy for worms. At all Drug Stores, 25c. Sample FREE. Address, Allen S. Gimstead, Le Roy, N. Y. 14-31.

In Frisco of Poetry.
The old song-sage, "Belleau never was designed to make our pleasures less," and the same thing ought to be said about poetry. The mistake for poetry arises from the habit of treating it as if it were only a mere dim, ethereal kind of thing. The probable compensation obscures the beauty of the text.—C. M. Caspary.

The Price of It.
Just about the time that a woman finds out how to preserve her beauty she discovers that she is so old that it will not be worth while.

Successful Field Meetings.
One of the most successful field meetings held in Connecticut was just off the shore of the city of New Haven, at the Lighthouse point. Notwithstanding the urban environment, the attendance was large and enthusiastic and the tone of the day was distinctly agricultural, dealing with rural problems, needs and possibilities.

The National Grange
Conducted by Charles M. Gardner, Editor of the National Grange, Westfield, Mass.

FARMERS BECOMING AROUSED

Recent Significant Movement in Pennsylvania Closely Identified With the Grange Institution.

A significant movement in Pennsylvania showed the temper of the farmers in that state and is also closely identified with the Grange institution of the state as well. Realizing that distribution of farm products is forming a larger part of the cost to the consumer than the producer himself receives, these farmers have organized war on the middlemen and propose to devise some plan that shall put their products into the consumers' homes direct.

A delegation of these Pennsylvania farmers waited on Mayor Gaynor of New York City and invited his cooperation in their plans, while further denouncing the middlemen and his exorbitant profits. Mayor Gaynor could of course promise no definite assistance, but the farmers went away still firm in the belief that their scheme for the elimination of the middleman is wholly practical and worth the trying.

This movement reflects the Grange position, long maintained, that exorbitant profits on distribution should not be tolerated and are a burden alike upon producer and consumer. The Grange attitude, however, does not go so far as to wipe out the middleman altogether, realizing some well-administered system of distribution as essential to the welfare of all concerned. It is a question, therefore, how far the Grange movement will be forthcoming; although the principle involved is distinctly along Grange lines, if not pressed to excess.

This Pennsylvania undertaking is traceable largely to a recent address by B. P. Youkum, the well-known railroad man, in which he declared that while the consumers of the United States pay \$13,000,000,000 a year for the farm products they use, the farmer gets only \$6,000,000,000, leaving it strikingly revealed that the American middleman was receiving even more than the producer. Farmers all over the country have been greatly aroused by Mr. Youkum's figures and are giving the subject of co-operative selling more attention than they ever did before; even more than co-operative buying, which has long been one of the fundamental principles of the Grange movement.

In view of the fact that this farmers' uprising is likely to extend to other states and may involve the Grange as well, it is proper to state the exact Grange position, as relating to middlemen, in the language of the Declaration of Purposes, which constitutes the foundation of the order, as established nearly a half-century ago. It is this:

"We desire to bring producers and consumers, farmers and manufacturers into the most direct and friendly relations possible. Hence we must dispense with a surplus of middlemen, not that we are unfriendly to them, but we do not need them. Their surplus and the exorbitant profits which they make are a burden upon the farmer. We wage no aggressive warfare against any other interests whatever. On the contrary all our acts and all our efforts, so far as business is concerned, are not only for the benefit of the producer and the consumer, but also for all other interests that tend to bring these two parties into speedy and economical contact. Hence we hold that transportation companies of every kind are necessary to our success, that their interests are intimately connected with our interests, and that harmonious action is mutually advantageous, keeping in view the first sentence in our declaration of purposes of action that 'individual happiness depends upon general prosperity.' We desire only self protection and the protection of every true interest of our land, by legitimate transactions, legitimate trade and legitimate profits."

Interesting the Young People.
One after the other various state granges are adopting plans to interest their young people in attending the state agricultural colleges and universities. Scholarship offers and contests, local plans of similar nature—all these are turning the attention more and more of the rural young people toward getting a higher education for themselves. First an ambition to secure such educational advantages, and then a reasonable chance for doing it. By these activities the Grange is living well up to its claim of being a real and vital educational institution.

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THURSDAY, JANUARY 4, 1912.

How many times have you writ-
ten it 1911 since January 1st?

Maine's fire loss is reckoned at
nearly \$6,000,000, to which Bangor
contributed a large portion. As long
as there is a quantity of wooden
buildings in our cities, a like record is liable to haunt us. The
one comforting fact is that the
"Queen City" has already risen from
the ashes, bigger and better than
ever before.

After reading a recent editorial in
the Waterville Sentinel, calling
attention to the State's financial
condition, and also stating
that times had changed since the
days of the Fernald adminis-
tration, we felt like saying, "they
certainly have changed, and in
more ways than one." One inno-
vation in the special session of the
legislature to be held in March,
but then we must remember this is
a very "extraordinary occasion,"
about in its distribution of
chambers, however, in connection
with the balances in the
treasury they forget to put us
wise as to the amount of house-
hold junking in the pockets of
that illustrious band of states-
men? Yes, they are financiers all
right and will doubtless be able
to possess a brick front on mil-
lions of dollars by April Fool's day
if no eggs are slipped at that ex-
traordinary session.

One thing which should serve
as a silver lining to some of the
clouds of the year 1911, is the
fact that \$2,250,000, that has
been given by rich Americans for
the benefit of their fellowmen
in the United States alone. Andrew Carnegie
leads the list as the largest in
disbursal given, with a total of
more than \$4,000,000. After
Carnegie comes Dr. Samuel Hays
of Philadelphia, a native of Andover.
He has given \$1,000,000 for the
establishment of hospitals, an
advance for the poor, and such.
John D. Rockefeller was sixth on
the list, having given \$825,000.
The sum of \$11,500,000 was spent
during the year to stamp out
tuberculosis. The percentage of
gold money, however, as state
city or county funds, which was
60 per cent for 1911, shows a
marked increase over the percent
age of public money appropriated
in 1910. New York leads in
the amount of money contributed for
the most worthy cause. Penn-
sylvania is second and Massachusetts
third. Another encouraging
feature is the fact that \$10,000,
000 have already been appropri-
ated by state legislatures and local
public bodies for the eradication
of this dread disease. As regards
the girls, 1911 was the banner
year, the most largest being 1907,
the figures of which were exceed-
ed by some \$600,000. If we stop
to consider that amount it would
seem that even the pessimist
would say, "there is a way out of
good in this old world after all."

Frank Reed, cat stealer caught, \$25
and 100.

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Headaches and Their Treatment.

In treating a headache, there is one
rule to follow—never use any
medicines containing acetanilid or similar
cooling derivatives without the advice
of your physician. They may give
temporary relief, but they almost never
reach the cause of the trouble and are
likely to weaken the heart. The most
common form of headache, frequently
called sick headache, arising from a
disordered stomach, may be avoided
by care in the choice of food. Broom
pantry, candy and rich food, take time
to eat, chew your food thoroughly and
keep your bowels in good condition by
taking one-half to one teaspoonful of
L. F. Atwood's Medicine after each
meal. This old reliable remedy, has
been a perfect blessing to thousands
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has it for thirty-five cents, or we mail
a free sample on request. L. F. Medi-
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HON. AND MRS. JOHN M.
PHILBROOK.

(Continued from page 1.)

farmers of the town and owned and oc-
cupied the same homestead some four
miles below Bethel Village and near
the junction of Sunday and the An-
dromeda rivers. In 1825, he left the
farm and bought the Otisum Chapman
estate in Bethel Village. He removed
the old buildings and erected a fine
modern residence set in the midst of
large and well kept grounds, where he
has since lived. In connection with his
farming he for several years in com-
pany with his brother, the late H. D.
Philbrook, carried on an extensive
cattle business under the firm name of
S. D. and J. M. Philbrook. This firm
specially bought of the farmers
throughout this and adjoining sections
hundreds of cattle, sheep and hogs for
shipment. This partnership was later
dissolved and for many years Mr.
Philbrook has since carried on the
same business including the handling
of horses to quite an extent. Mr.
Philbrook has also engaged more or
less in lumbering and in the buying of
timber lands. He has long since been
one of the town's most prominent and
active business men. Notwithstanding
the close attention required by his
various enterprises, Mr. Philbrook has
always found time and money to devote
to the social, educational, industrial,
religious and civic interests of the
town and county. Always interested
in every movement for the welfare and
betterment of the town and county,
he has been a generous giver for
all worthy objects. He has been called
to many positions of honor and trust
in 1892, he represented the Bethel dis-
trict in the legislature and in 1900
was one of the members from Bethel
county. He served as one of the Vice
Presidents for the six years ending
in 1903. For many years he has
been one of the trustees and a member
of the "Lumbermen's Association of the
Bethel district" and upon the death of
the late H. D. Philbrook a few years
ago, he was elected president of that
association which position he now
holds. He is one of the trustees of
Bethel's Academy and has always been
much interested in its welfare and
gives liberally towards its support.

Mrs. Philbrook was Miss Penelope
Eliza Bates before her marriage. She
is the daughter of the late Elvira
and Hephzibah Randall Bates. Mr.
Bates was a prominent and influential
man. His representative has district in
the legislature and he is high town of
Andover. Mrs. Philbrook's early life was
spent with her parents on the old home-
stead and after her marriage she was
placated to remain upon it and in
the midst of the old associations for
many years and until the late H. D.
her own home in Bethel Village. An
able housekeeper and housewife, she
thought this was home and to the
benefit of her children where she
and Mr. Philbrook were to spend the
later years of their lives. Philbrook
is the social interests of the village
the town and county, as did her life
and she devoted to the welfare of the
congregational church where she
and Mr. Philbrook regularly attend
for the spiritual and moral of the
church and the various activities in
cluding the well-known Ladies' Club
connected with it, she has been and is
an active and constant worker. Her
life has been and will be one in which
she will find satisfaction in the guid-
ing of the old and new of which she has
a large and valuable collection. Her
patience, her devotedness and her
kindness has a ready and willing
hand for the unfortunate and needy and
those who are the objects of her un-
feigned charity. Both she and

Mr. Philbrook are held in high esteem
by all their acquaintances and by the
large circle of intimate friends which
they have in Bethel and elsewhere.
Mr. and Mrs. Philbrook have two chil-
dren, Fred J., who is married and re-
sides in Bethel, and Edith, who is the
wife of Dr. Frank I. Brown of South
Portland.

TELEGRAMS.

Portland, Me., Jan. 1, 1912.
Hon. and Mrs. J. M. Philbrook—
Heartily congratulations upon this
year fiftieth anniversary. Happy New
Year.

Mr. and Mrs. E. C. Chamberlin.

Bethel, Me., Jan. 1, 1912.
John M. Philbrook—
Present board County Commission-
ers extend congratulations and best
wishes.

W. H. Eastman, Chairman.

So. Paris, Me., Jan. 1, 1912.

John M. Philbrook—
Accept hearty congratulations af-
fecting wedding anniversary. Regret can
not be present.

Geo. M. Atwood.

So. Paris, Me., Jan. 1, 1912.
Hon. and Mrs. John M. Philbrook—
Congratulations this fiftieth anniver-
sary of your happy married life.

Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Benson.

Poland, Me., Jan. 1, 1912.
Hon. and Mrs. John M. Philbrook—
 cordial congratulations on fiftieth
anniversary of your wedding day. May
good health, good cheer and happiness
abide with you.

Bert M. Fernald.

BETHEL, ME., Jan. 1, 1912.
Hon. and Mrs. John M. Philbrook—
I think myself fortunate in being
apprised of the fact that your fiftieth
marriage anniversary occurs today—it
is an honor that comparatively few
enjoy.

It hardly seems possible that fifty
years have passed since John and
Penelope, both from highly respected
families, were united in marriage.
All of your married life has been in
this goodly town, which has but few
equals in New England, where you
have an especially won the confidence
and esteem of all, and from whose
repeated honors have been conferred.

My personal acquaintance with both
dates prior to your marriage, and
through all of these years it has been
a pleasure to enjoy your friendship.
I most heartily congratulate you on
this Golden Anniversary and trust
your many days may be full of con-
flict and happiness.

Sincerely yours,

Albert L. Horbach.

Bethel, Me., December 29, 1911.
Dear Mr. and Mrs. Philbrook—
I am told that January 1st, 1912, is
the fiftieth anniversary of your wed-
ding day. How mighty will you be
dign the New Year of 1912! I know
of no reason why you should not be-
gin the New Year of 1912 just as
happily and hopefully. If the hearty
wishes of your many friends can help
you do so, it will be done. I wish I
could be present in person to give you
my congratulations. Nothing that I
know of just now would give me great
trouble. As I cannot do that I will
arrange a little to make a trip and
do it for me.

It is a great thing to have lived
together, built a home, reared a family,
and loved each other for fifty years.
It is a great thing to know that in
all that time you have not encountered
any mortal breakdown; that the obli-
gations of wedlock, of fatherhood,
motherhood, and citizenship, have been
kept, and that through all the years
of stress and storm, sickness and
joy, you have traveled steadily to-
gether and well.

Let me say that your unchanging
kindness and friendliness toward me
in old and ever will be a source of
happiness in my life. Though I have
never expressed it, yet I have always
felt it deeply and sincerely.
May you be spared many years to
enjoy and may they be crowded full
of all the good things of life. I need
scarcely add that Mrs. Philbrook
fully and heartily in these congratula-
tions.

Yours, with best wishes for the years
to come.

Arthur Valley.

Bethel, Me., December 29, 1911.

Hon. J. M. Philbrook.

Bethel, Maine.

My dear Mr. Philbrook—

You have many good friends in
Maine, and some of them like myself
are only too glad to know that the
fiftieth anniversary of your marriage
occurs January 1st, 1912, and to have
the opportunity to extend to Mrs. Phil-
brook and to you the heartiest con-
gratulations that ever be said upon an
occasion of that kind. One point do
not seem to cross my mind, but I still
have doubts and questions of all
kind relative to me, and because you
have given me so many evidences of
your friendship in the past, I feel that
I can safely congratulate myself upon
the possession now.



THE PHILBROOK RESIDENCE.

Please present my respects to Mrs.
Philbrook, and with all best wishes
for your continued good health and
prosperity, believe me, with kindest re-
gards,

Yours truly,

W. T. Cobb.

Bethel, N. H., December 29, 1911.
Dear Mr. and Mrs. Philbrook—

We are both glad and sorry because
of your Golden Wedding Day. Glad
to send you a greeting, hearing our
very sincere congratulations; but sorry
that we cannot be with you, to see
you face to face and give you the
heartiest hand clasp.

The fact is that my "Peerless" car
is being reconstructed just now, and
having a dozen caskets put into the
escape valve, and some bolts into the
carburetor, besides numerous vent holes
in the tires; so we can not come up in
that. A friend requested the loan of
my Alphonse, to make a trip across the
continent, and I had promised the loan
of it before we received the informa-
tion of your jubilee; because of this
I am shut up to the Boston & Maine
R. R., as a means of locomotion, and
as the road has refused me free trans-
portation, and my reckless squander-
ing of hard earned cash in the turn-
table orgies of cards, etc., has left me
penitential, I can not at present get
out of town. Please pardon this laborious
explanation, but I want you to know
how the case stands, in the excitement
of the truth.

I have attended five golden wed-
ding days during the last year, and
golden days for two of them, so in
fact that I will spare such good
friends as you are. At one of these
functions I remarked that I could eas-
ily understand how a man could live
fifty years with any one of a good
many women, but for the life of me
I could not see how a woman could
possibly endure any man for that
length of time. This I still maintain
must be the rule, which however in
your case our amiable friend, J. M.,
finds its emphatic exception.

I am quite sure that Mrs. Philbrook
could happily live with you for an
other twenty-five years, and so give
me an opportunity of celebrating your
Diamond Wedding! Possibly by that
time I could succeed in saving up the
amount necessary to come to that an-
niversary, bringing my bunch of dis-
sentiments with me.

Men are more and more in these
days believing in the reality of spirits;
with this in mind, we are sure that
our best and truest selves are with
you tonight, participating in this joy-
ous occasion. May you have a glorious
time, and live to celebrate many more
anniversaries of your wedding day!
God be with you all the way!

As in the deep night sky comes
many a glowing star
Surpassing the faint stars of evening,
Just begun.

So may through coming years experi-
ence dawned bright,
Outshining in high degree your past of
golden light!

Mrs. Philbrook and daughter Mabel
agree in the above sentiments, and
(bearing the witness) second them all.
They send their love and congratula-
tions, and their regrets that they can-
not be present.

Should it be barely possible that
some of the good Bethel neighbors
drop in to see you at this time, please
give them a good "clap" for me, and the
assurance of our good will.

Very sincerely yours,

Charles S. Olmstead.

Mr. and Mrs. John M. Philbrook,

Bethel, Maine.

My dear Mr. and Mrs. Philbrook—

I have just on Monday night (Jan-
uary 1st) you will have reached your
fiftieth anniversary in the course of your
married life and I also learn that your
neighbors and friends are to meet and
extend their congratulations.

Truth be told I could be present and
participate in the event but I cannot and
I wish to express to you my appre-
ciation of your husband and yourself, as
well as your relationship in your
town, your county and your state as
shown during the last fifty years.
Without any history I can say to
you both that your lives have been
both honorable and useful. You can
only feel that your town, your county

and your state have been made better
by reason of your living therein and
participating in the daily walks of life
so common to our old fashioned New
England citizens.

Treating this anniversary may
be a happy occasion to you both and
that God will spare your lives and
give you health and strength to enjoy
many years in the future, I am,
Very truly yours,
George D. Bishop.

Rumford, Maine,
December 29, 1911.

Rumford Falls, Me., Jan. 1st, 1912.

Hon. John M. Philbrook and wife.

Bethel, Maine.

My Dear Mr. and Mrs. Philbrook—

It is with great regret that we are
obliged to deny ourselves the pleasure
of meeting you and your many friends
on the fiftieth anniversary of your
marriage.

It is a pleasure to us as we think
of your useful and happy lives during
all the years past and of the privilege
that has been ours of numbering you
as among these dear friends whose
memory we shall always cherish.

May your days of usefulness be
lengthened many years, and may you
have many returns of a happy New
Year is the wish of your friends,
Walton and Sarah E. Pettengill.

Very sincerely,

Mr. and Mrs. Wm. W. Chase.

POEMS.

Falmouth, Me., Dec. 25th, 1911.

Mr. and Mrs. John M. Philbrook,

Dear friends—

We cannot go
to the big so,
This being so,
Our pen here goes,
But not in power,
For to speak the truth there isn't time
For anything better
Than a brief letter

That runs in wayward, brook-like
rhyme.

Since your January honeymoon
Made January seem as June,
Eagle like in azure rings
Time has flown on silent wings
Through half a hundred winters
Into half a hundred springs;
And as he has flown
His hands have thrown
Along his wake
On billow and tower
The snowy flake
And the brightened flower—
That marvel of form
Which rides the storm
And plays such tricks
With the number six,
And that sacred marvel which is also,
Now toying with six and now with
five,
In fashions that, though of dateless
away,
Are still of a morning fresh and gay,
As when we were children and life
all play.

Let us wish you herewith, a saying of
Christ,
Since the saying is golden—his gift
unpriced.
Preserved for ages in Egypt's sand,
It now stands, as a song, from land to
land;
And this is the new found saying of
Christ,
Which we share with you, as his gift
unpriced:
Let not him that seeks the Father
omit
Till the Father's smile bring him re-
lease,
And he, in the Presence sought and
found,
By the spirit of wonderment is crown-
ed.
Then, greatly wondering, let him reign,
For the child of the King is the right
and great
And, greatly reigning, God's spirit
possessed;
Let him share in the Father's over-
ruling
rest.

To our friends, the Philbrooks, with
hearty rest.

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Miss Norma G.
Wentworth left
her studies at
E. A. Allen's
apartment Xmas
Eve. He was
two children, Mr.
Miss Elizabeth.
P. P. Putnam
from an attack of
Mrs. John C.
Smith Mrs. Jas.
says this week.
F. B. Martin
for Portland, on
The Ladies' Al-
batross on Tuesday
evening with Mrs.
John H. Martin
spoke several
times with a slight
All of the men
died on Monday
evening.

On Tuesday eve-
ning the dance given
at present. It was
the time was a
week place in the
Earl Daggett was
visiting his aunt,
Mrs. C. G. Bishop
on Monday night
from Bath, where
she was ill, and
Miss C. R. H.
on Sunday of
and at the present
at his home.

Miss Ella An-
derson from Bath,
where she is the
guest of L. of
that city.

Y. A. B. B. B.
with friends in
Miss Maria Day
for Boston, where
she is this winter.
Harold McLean
of the week for
studying art.

On Friday eve-
ning the dance given
at present. It was
the time was a
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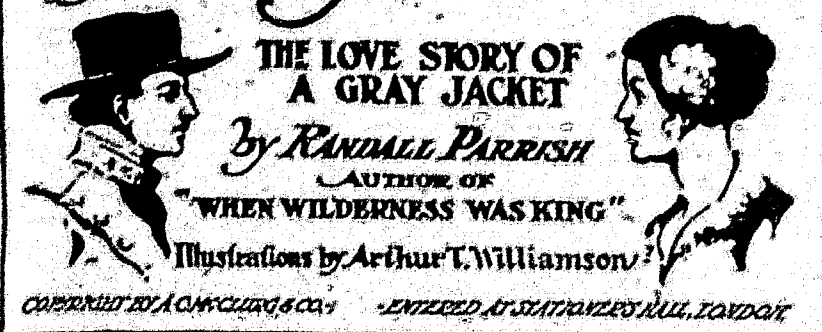
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My Lady of the North



THE LOVE STORY OF

A GRAY JACKET

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CHAPTER I.

A Dispatch for Longstreet.

It was a bare, plain interior—the

low table at which he sat an unplaned

beard, his seat a box, made softer by

a folded blanket. His only compan-

ions were two aides, standing silent

beside the closed entrance, anxious

to anticipate his slightest need.

He will abide in my memory for-

ever as I saw him then—although we

were destined to meet often after-

wards—that old gray hero, whose mas-

terly strategy held at bay for so long

these mighty forces hurled on our

constantly thinning lines of defense. To

me the history of war has never con-

tained his equal, and while I live I

shall love and revere him as I can love

and revere no other man.

"General Lee," said one of the aides,

as I passed the single sentry and

drew aside the flap to step within,

"this is Captain Wayne."

He deliberately pushed away the

mass of papers which had been en-

gaging him, and for an embarrassing

moment fixed upon me a glance that

seemed to read me through and

through. Then, with simple dignity,

far more impressive than I can pic-

ture it in words, he arose slowly and

extended his hand.

"Captain Wayne," he said gravely,

yet retaining his grasp, and with his

eyes full upon mine, "you are a much

younger man than I expected to see,

yet I have selected you upon the spe-

cial recommendation of your brigade

commander for services of the utmost

importance. I certainly do not hold

your youth to be against your suc-

cess, but I feel unwilling to order you

to the performance of this duty,

which, besides being beyond the regu-

lar requirements of the service, in-

volves unusual risks."

"Without inquiring his nature," I

said, hastily, "I freely offer myself a

volunteer for any service which may

be required either by the army or

yourself."

The kindly face brightened instan-

tly, almost into a smile, and a new

look of confidence swept into the keen

gray eyes.

"I felt, even as I spoke," he said,

with a dignified courtesy I have never

marked in any one else, "that I must

be doing wrong to question the will-

ingness of an officer of your regiment,

Captain Wayne, to make personal sac-

rifices. From our first day of battle

until now the south has never once

called upon them in vain. You are

from the ranks, I believe?"

"I was a corporal at Manassas."

"Ah! then you have won your grade

by hard service. You take with you

a good soldier, who knows the country

well."

He lowered his eyes to the numer-

ous papers littering the table, and

then, leaning over, traced lightly with

a colored pencil a line across an out-

spread map.

"You speak of his knowing the coun-

try well; are you aware, then, of your

destination?"

"I merely inferred from what Col-

onel Carter said that it was your de-

sire to reestablish communication

with General Longstreet."

"That is true; but do you know

where Longstreet is?"

"Only that we of the line suppose

him to be somewhere west of the

mountains, sir. It is camp gossip that

his present base of supplies is at

Minersville."

"Your conjecture is partly correct,

although I have more reason to be-

lieve that the head of his column has

reached Bear Park, or will be to-mor-

row morning. Kindly step this way,

Captain Wayne, and make note of the

map. Here I have traced across this

map, lines you will observe, in his

surrender, directly beyond the high

ridges. You will notice that the Fed-

eral lines extend north and south di-

rectly between us, with their heavier

bodies of infantry along the Wharton

River, and so disposed as to shut off

all communication between us and our

left wing. Now, the message I must

get into Longstreet's hands is impera-

tive. Indeed, I will say to you, the

very safety of this army depends up-

on its reaching him before his ad-

vance passes Bear Park. There re-

mains, therefore, as time for my long

detour, the messenger who bears it

must take his life in his hands and

ride straight westward through the

very heart of the enemy."

He took the paper from the out-

stretched hand of the aide, read it

over slowly and with great care,

wrote a word of explanation upon the

margin, and then extended it to me.

"Commit that to memory, word by

word, to your memory; we must run

no possible risk of its ever falling into

the enemy's hands."

I can see it now, that coarse yellow

paper—the clear, upright penmanship

the words here and there misused and

corrected, the sentence scratched out,

the heavy underlining of a command,

and his own strangely delicate signa-

ture at the bottom.

"Headquarters, Army Northern Vir-

ginia,

"In the field, near Custer House,

Sept. 22, 2 P. M.

"Lieutenant General Longstreet,

Commanding Left Wing.

"Sir: You will advance your entire

force by the Compton and Sheffield

pikes, so as to reach Castle Rock with

your full infantry command by day-

break, September 26th. Let this en-

permeate all other orders. I propose to

attack in force in the neighborhood of

Ballor's ford, and shall expect you to

advance promptly at the first sound

of our artillery. It is absolutely es-

sential that we form prompt connection

of forces, and to accomplish this re-

sult will require a quick, persistent at-

tack upon your part. You are hereby

ordered to throw your troops forward

without reserve, permitting them to

be halted by no obstacle, until they

come into actual touch with my col-

umns. The success or failure of my

plans will depend utterly upon your

strict observance of these orders.

"R. E. LEE.

"General Commanding."

I handed back the paper, and lifted

my hand in salute.

"You have memorized it?"

"Word for word, sir."

"Repeat it to me."

He held the paper before him as I

did so, and at the close lifted his eyes

again to my face.

"Very good," he said, quietly. "Now

let there be no mistake; repeat it over

to your companion as you proceed un-

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